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SECRET EMPIRE

A Cosmic Cube transformed Steve Rogers, a.k.a. Captain America, into the ultimate Hydra sleeper agent—and after months of scheming and manipulation, the country is now under the control of Hydra. Most of S.H.I.E.L.D. has been brainwashed. Earth's heroes are trapped in space or behind the Darkforce dome enveloping New York City. Mutants established the sovereign state of New Tian; the Inhuman city of New Attilan is now an internment camp.

After Captain America had her team murdered and her mentor Phil Coulson went missing, S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent Daisy Johnson formed a new team of Inhumans determined to bring Hydra down.

Together, they broke into New Tian in search of an Inhuman named Leer, who Karnak says is the key to defeating Hydra. After a brief tussle with the X-Men, the Warriors found a secret lab run by Dark Beast, an evil alternate-dimension version of Hank McCoy. Under duress, Beast admitted he had given Leer to Hydra.

They didn't have to search far: A faction of Hydra—led by Daisy's father, Mr. Hyde—was right outside. The Warriors were captured and taken on board Hyde's Helicarrier, but their attempt to disarm Daisy failed, and she brought down the ship.

Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur were separated from the others in the chaos. Moon Girl found Leer—but then Hyde found her. The rest of the Warriors caught a ride with the X-Men, but the Helicarrier crashed with Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur still aboard...

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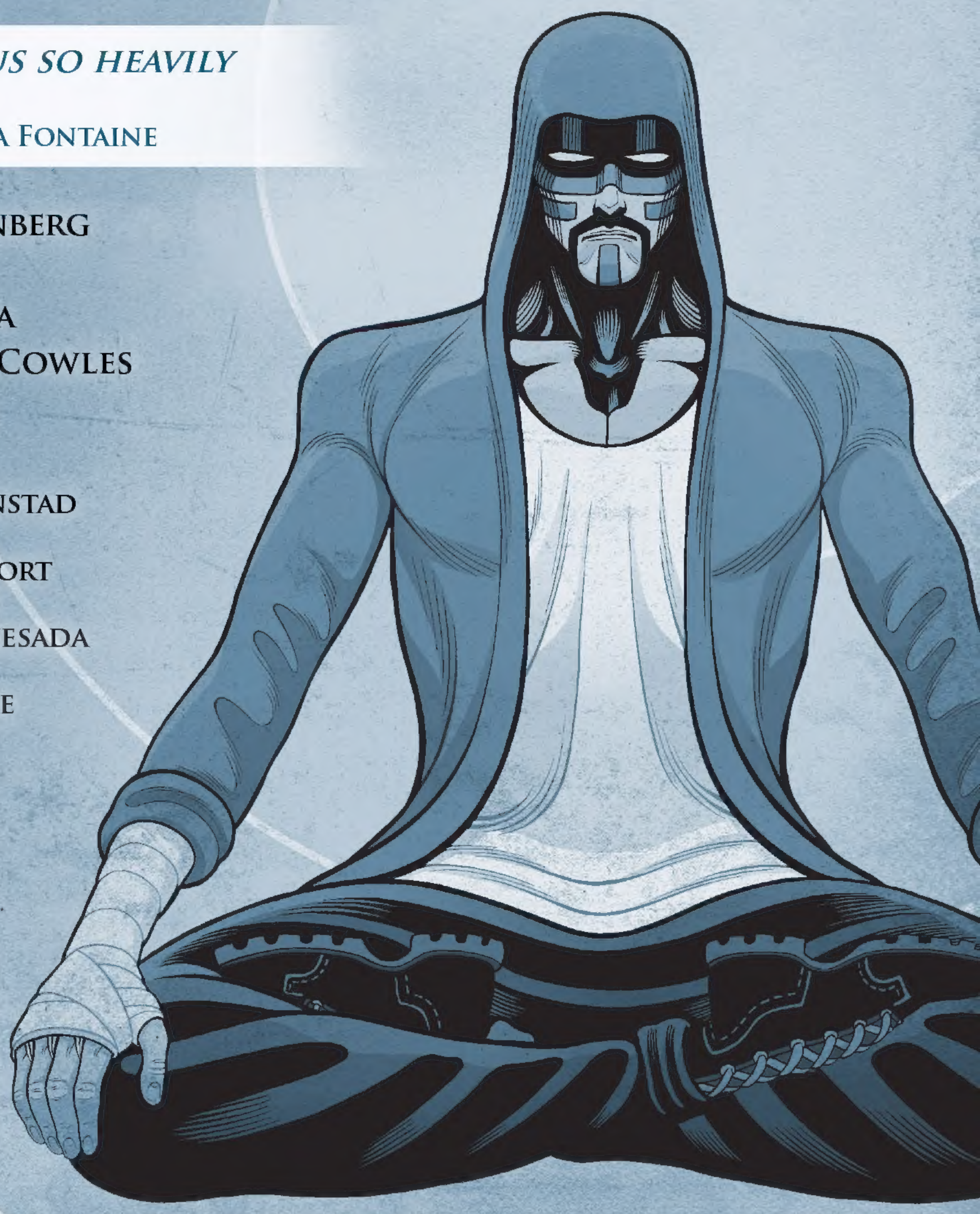
"To Begin the World Over Again" part five

"Nothing weighs on us so heavily as a secret."

— Jean de La Fontaine



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THE WARRIORS

QUAKE

A.K.A. DAISY JOHNSON. FORMER S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT TRAINED BY NICK FURY HIMSELF. INHUMAN WITH THE POWER TO CONTROL SEISMIC VIBRATIONS. MAD AS HELL.

MOON GIRL

A.K.A. LUNELLA LAFAYETTE. CURRENT SMARTEST PERSON IN THE WORLD, AND SHE KNOWS IT. INHUMAN WHO CAN SWITCH BRAINS WITH HER PET DINOSAUR--NOT ALWAYS INTENTIONALLY. CAPTURED BY HYDE JUST BEFORE THE HYDRA HELICARRIER BLEW UP—WITH HER ON IT.

DEVIL DINOSAUR

A.K.A. LUNELLA'S PET DINOSAUR. ALSO ON BOARD THE HELICARRIER WHEN IT CRASHED.

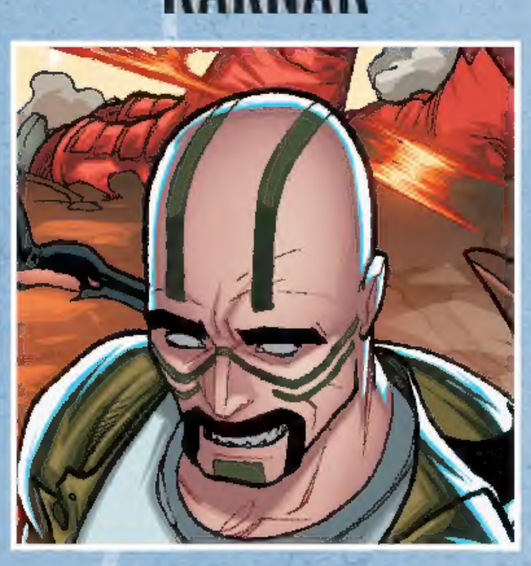
MS. MARVEL

A.K.A. KAMALA KHAN. JERSEY GIRL. INHUMAN POLYMORPH. FORMER AVENGER. CURRENT MEMBER OF THE CHAMPIONS. HAS A LOT ON HER PLATE.

INFERNO

A.K.A. DANTE PERTUZ. INHUMAN WITH THE POWER TO GENERATE FLAMES FROM HIS OWN BODY. RECENTLY RESCUED FROM A DETENTION CAMP AFTER ABANDONING HIS FRIENDS. WORKING ON REDEMPTION.

KARNAK



STAYED ON EARTH WHEN THE REST OF THE ROYAL FAMILY LEFT. YEARS OF TRAINING--NOT TERRIGENESIS--GAVE HIM THE ABILITY TO DETECT WEAKNESS IN ANY PERSON, OBJECT OR SITUATION. "ENDS JUSTIFY THE MEANS" KINDA GUY. DON'T PISS HIM OFF.

LEER

A YOUNG INHUMAN WHOM KARNAK CLAIMS WILL HELP THE WARRIORS BREAK HYDRA'S HOLD ON THE COUNTRY. WAS IN HYDRA'S CUSTODY—UNTIL THEIR HELICARRIER BLEW UP WITH HIM ON IT.

THE CRASHED HELICARRIER *TELEMACHUS.* NOW.

ANYTHING, INFERNO?

NOTHING.

THE SUN IS COMING UP SOON. WE HAVE TO GET MOVING.

WE'RE NOT LEAVING WITHOUT HER, DAISY.

BODY. WITHOUT HER BODY, YOU MEAN.

MOON GIRL COULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED THIS CRASH. EVEN YOU KNOW THAT.

I'M SORRY. WE ALL KNEW THE RISKS GOING IN.

SHE WAS A LITTLE KID!

A LITTLE KID ***YOU*** DECIDED TO DRAG INTO A WAR!

YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR TEAMMATES AT ALL, DO YOU?!

THIS WAS NEVER A TEAM. IT'S A DAYCARE CENTER WITH AN AGENDA.

AM I UPSET SHE GOT HERSELF KILLED? OF #$@*&% COURSE I AM. BUT SHE'S NOT THE FIRST SQUAD MEMBER I'VE LOST, AND SHE WON'T BE THE LAST.

IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE HAVING SOMEONE DIE ON YOUR WATCH, IT MIGHT BE TIME TO PICK A NEW LINE OF WORK, MS. MARVEL.

YA KNOW WHAT, ***QUAKE?*** YOU'RE A REAL--

WELL, ***THIS*** IS UNEXPECTED--

--THE DINOSAUR SEEMS TO HAVE *SURVIVED.*

HEY THERE, BUDDY! YOU'RE OKAY!

RRARRRR?

IF *HE* MADE IT, MAYBE...

THIS CAGE IS VIBRANIUM. IT TOOK THE BRUNT OF THE IMPACT...AND DINOSAURS SEEM BE MORE STURDY THAN HUMAN CHILDREN.

I'M SO SORRY ABOUT LUNELLA.

MRROOOO!

ME TOO, SWEETIE. ME TOO.

WE NEED TO *GO.* YOU KNOW SCARLET WITCH MAGICKED HYDE'S PEOPLE OFF THAT BOAT.

AND THEY'LL RETURN SOON. *WITH BACKUP.*

UMMM... WHAT'S FIDO DOING?

WHAT AM I MISSING?

THEY CAN SWAP MINDS FOR A SHORT TIME.

MEANING...?

SHE'S *ALIVE.* AND I THINK SHE'S TRYING TO TELL US SHE'S IN...

I REALLY DON'T WANT TO PLAY CHARADES WITH A DINOSAUR.

THIS ISN'T HOW YOU PLAY CHARADES.

LUNELLA? IS--IS THAT YOU?!

NEWARK DOCKS. ACROSS FROM NEW ATTILAN. TWO DAYS LATER.

I'M GOING TO MISS DRIVING THIS THING.

AND I MISS YOU WEARING A SHIRT. GO LET THE OTHERS OUT. I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIND A SPARE BOAT.

RISE AND SHINE, EVERYONE. TIME TO SNEAK INTO A FORTIFIED PRISON... AGAIN.

YOU MISSED A REAL GOOD TIME BACK HERE.

YEAH?

MOON GIRL MENTALLY SWAPPED BACK AT LEAST A DAY AGO. SO MY CONVERSATION CHOICES WERE A DINOSAUR OR KARNAK.

TOUGH CALL.

KARNAK TAUGHT ME ABOUT ***ALL*** THE DIFFERENT DISEASES THAT HUMANS GET BUT INHUMANS DON'T. ***SEVEN. HOURS.***

SO I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO LET PEOPLE SHOOT AT ME FOR A BIT.

"NEW ATTILAN HASN'T BEEN MY HOME FOR THAT LONG, BUT IT'S STILL UNBELIEVABLE THAT HYDRA TURNED IT INTO AN INHUMAN PRISON. AND THAT WE'RE DUMB ENOUGH TO TRY AND SNEAK IN."

"OH, WE'RE DEFINITELY DUMB ENOUGH, INFERNO."

"COOL. THANKS, MS. MARVEL."

YOU STAY. TOO BIG. GET SEEN. BAD.
WHY ARE YOU TALKING TO HIM LIKE THAT?
I DON'T KNOW IF HE UNDERSTANDS US. DO YOU?
*HUH...*I JUST ASSUMED, I GUESS.
HEY, BUDDY. WE'RE GONNA NEED YOU TO GUARD THE BOAT WHILE WE RESCUE LUNELLA, OKAY?
TOLD YOU HE UNDERSTOOD.
OR MAYBE HE'S NOT CLIMBING AFTER US BECAUSE HE HAS BABY ARMS.
WHATEVER.
I DON'T LIKE SNEAKING.
I DON'T LIKE GETTING SHOT.
THAT USED TO BE THE PALACE! I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED IT WHEN DEVIL...MOON GIRL... WHATEVER...WAS DRAWING IT.
THERE ARE HOLDING CELLS IN THE SUBFLOORS. WE SHOULD START THERE.

CRASH

KID, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS...

...BUT YOU'VE GOT THREE SECONDS TO EXPLAIN WHAT YOU'RE DOING BEFORE I--

QUAKE, NO!

MOON GIRL?! ARE YOU OKAY?

OBVS.

THAT'S *LEER.* HE'S A PRISONER, TOO.

YEAH? HOW COME THE KID WE ALMOST DIED TRYING TO FIND WASN'T EVEN LOCKED UP?

PROBABLY BECAUSE HE DIDN'T KICK ANYONE IN THE JUNK LIKE I DID.

SO WHAT DOES HE DO?

WE'RE NOT SURE. DARK BEAST APPARENTLY... *EXPERIMENTED* ON HIM.

HE WANTED TO ACCESS THE GENES THAT WOULD CONTROL THE INHUMAN POWER LEER WOULD'VE HAD IF HE'D GONE THROUGH TERRIGENESIS. AND GOING OFF WHAT HE WAS TOLD, AND WHAT I CAN SEE, IT WORKED...SORTA.

WE THINK HE CAN BOOST INHUMAN POWERS.

THAT'S IT?!
YES.
ALL OF THIS WAS TO GET A LITTLE *POWER BOOST?*
YES.
YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE? KILL PEOPLE WITH YOUR MIND? TELEPORT PEOPLE INTO THE SEA?
NO.
WILL THE POWER BOOST BE PERMANENT?
NO. AND THEY TOLD ME I CAN ONLY DO IT ONCE.
THIS KEEPS GETTING BETTER. WHERE THE $#!& IS KARNAK?
THIS CAN STILL HELP US. WE CAN USE THE EXTRA POWER TO HELP FREE NEW ATTILAN! WE CAN LEAD THE CHARGE.
THAT'S *NOT* OUR GOAL. I'M TAKING DOWN *CAPTAIN AMERICA.* KARNAK TOLD ME THIS KID WOULD MAKE THAT POSSIBLE.
NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR YOUR REVENGE, DAISY. WE CAN *HELP* PEOPLE. RIGHT NOW.
KILLING CAP *WILL* HELP PEOPLE.
HELLO, LEER.
HELLO, FATHER.
HE'S YOUR--
YES.
YOU'RE HIS--
YES.
WHY DID THAT NEVER COME UP?!
IT WAS NEVER RELEVANT.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU THIS, KARNAK. DARK BEAST SEEMS TO HAVE...EXPERIMENTED ON YOUR SON. HE TRIED TO TURN HIM INTO A WEAPON.

DID IT WORK?

I... I THINK SO.

I SEE.

YOU'RE REALLY TRYING TO GIVE MY POPS A RUN FOR HIS MONEY FOR *"FATHER OF THE YEAR,"* HUH?

I THINK LEER CAN HELP US TAKE BACK NEW ATTILAN. IF THE OTHER INHUMANS SEE US FIGHTING BACK, THEY'LL JOIN IN.

AND *I* THINK WE NEED TO WAIT. IF HE CAN GIVE US A SHOT AT CAPTAIN AMERICA, LIKE ***YOU PROMISED***, THAT'S THE FIRST STEP TO WINNING THIS WAR.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I THINK...

...IF WE CAN HELP PEOPLE NOW, WE SHOULD.

YOU ARE WISE AS ALWAYS, LUNELLA.

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WHOA!

WELL, I GUESS THAT SETTLES IT.

KARNAK? WE'RE GONNA HAVE A LITTLE TALK LATER.

EVERYONE ELSE...

"...LET'S GET THIS FIGHT STARTED."

HEY, QUAKE? IT LOOKS LIKE WE DON'T HAVE TO FREE THE PRISONERS AFTER ALL. THEY'RE FREE ALREADY.

GET OUT OF OUR WAY!

WHOA, SLOW DOWN. WE HAVE A REAL CHANCE HERE! HYDRA ISN'T EXPECTING AN ATTACK--THEY HAVEN'T EVEN NOTICED YOU'RE FREE YET!

YOU THINK WE HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT FIGHTING BACK?!

WE BARELY GOT OUT OF OUR CAGES AS IT IS!

HOW *DID* YOU DO THAT?

GUY NAMED BRIAN BARFED UP THE KEYS SO WE COULD RUN.* OUR LEADERS ARE GONE, AND WE HAVE NO WEAPONS. WE'RE NOT STICKING AROUND TO GET KILLED.

*SEE *CAPTAIN AMERICA #25!*

WE HAVE *EACH OTHER.*

REALLY? *THAT'S* YOUR ANSWER?

WELL... YEAH. WE ALL HAVE THESE GIFTS--

NONE OF US ARE *BULLETPROOF.*

YEAH!

WE'LL BE SLAUGHTERED!

STOP. SOME OF YOU WILL GIVE YOUR LIVES, BUT THIS IS A FIGHT THAT *CAN* BE WON.

KARNAK...WE DIDN'T KNOW...HAS THE ROYAL FAMILY RETURNED?

THEY HAVE NOT.

AND YOU DON'T NEED THEM. THE THRONE DIDN'T MAKE YOU SAFE. THE WARRIORS WHO LED FROM IT DID. NOW THESE WARRIORS ARE HERE TO FIGHT AND PERHAPS DIE FOR YOU.

WILL YOU JOIN THEM?

SO YOU'RE A SUPER HERO TEAM? WHAT'RE YOU CALLED?

NEW ATTILAN DEFENDERS.

WE'RE NOT A TEAM.

MOON GIRL'S DINO-FIGHTING SQUAD OF SUPER--

THE ALL-WINNER SQUAD.

CALL US *THE WARRIORS.*

WE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE DISCUSSED THIS BEFORE NOW.

NOW... WE PREPARE FOR WAR.

OKAY, EVERYONE READY?

GIVE 'EM HELL!

FALL BACK! FALL BACK!

THIS WON'T END WELL FOR YOU.

IDIOTS.

IT'S NOT ENOUGH.

WARRIORS, HOLD YOUR GROUND!

DANTE, YOUR SKIN-- YOU OKAY?

YEAH! I'VE JUST NEVER USED THIS MUCH HEAT BEFORE.

JUST BE CAREFUL.

THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM!

WHAT'S OUR PLAN?

WE FIGHT UNTIL WE DIE.

WHEN ALL SEEMS LOST, SAVIORS WILL TAKE THE MOST UNLIKELY FORMS.

HOW DID YOU KNOW THE AVENGERS WERE COMING?

I DIDN'T. I ASSUMED WE WERE ALL ABOUT TO DIE.

WE STILL MIGHT. I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN USE MY POWERS LIKE THIS.

IT'S QUAKE, RIGHT? THANKS FOR JOINING THE PARTY.

IT'S *OUR* PARTY, GRIMM.

IT SURE TOOK YOU GUYS LONG ENOUGH.

WE HAD SOME STUFF TO WORK OUT, BUT I'M GLAD TO BE BY YOUR SIDE NOW, MS. MARVEL.

HEY, BOOTLEG HUMAN TORCH. DINOSAUR WITH KID PILOT--OUR SIDE OR THEIRS?

OURS.

HUH. YOU CAN SEE HOW THAT COULD GO EITHER WAY THOUGH, RIGHT?

TOTALLY.

OOOOF!

INHUMAN SCUM!

YOU FEELIN' ALL RIGHT THERE, JOHNSON? YOU'RE GETTING SLOW IN YOUR OLD AGE.

FEELS LIKE IT, MOCKINGBIRD.

KID'S GOT NO SENSE OF HUMOR ANYMORE.

HYDE! STOP RIGHT THERE!

OH, DAISY! THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE OKAY. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU WOULDN'T DIE ON THAT SHIP. THIS HAD TO BE YOUR--

--HANDIWORK.

WELL. THIS IS A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

WHUMP

DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!

YEAH, WE GET THAT.

CRUNCH

'TIS NOT EXACTLY THE TWELVE LABORS, BUT THERE IS SURELY FUN TO BE HAD IN THIS CHALLENGE!

WEREN'T THOSE ALL JUST YOU CATCHING WEIRD ANIMALS?

...NOT *ALL.*

RIGHT. YOU ALSO STOLE A LADY'S UNDERWEAR.

GOOD JOB, EVERYONE. HYDRA IS IN FULL RETREAT, BUT WE CAN'T LET UP NOW.

MS. MARVEL, CAN WE COUNT ON YOU AND YOUR TEAM TO LEND A HAND?

→*PANT*← OF COURSE! →*PANT*← WE'D BE HONORED. →*PANT*← JUST NEED A SEC TO CATCH MY BREATH.

I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE ANYTHING LEFT. I'M ***BURNT.***

HEY, WHERE'S QUAKE?

LAST I SAW, SHE WENT AFTER HYDE.

OF COURSE SHE DID.

HYDE'S SHIP GOT AWAY--AND IT DIDN'T FOLLOW THE OTHER HYDRA SHIPS.

WE CAN'T JUST ***LEAVE.*** WE HAVE A CHANCE TO ***DO*** SOMETHING HERE.

DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD GO AFTER OUR TEAMMATE?

SHE SAID IT HERSELF. WE'RE NOT REALLY A TEAM, DANTE. WE NEED TO BE SAVING PEOPLE...

"...NOT HELPING QUAKE WITH HER VENDETTAS."

DAISY? DAISY, WAKE UP.

OH GOOD. I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU. USING THAT CHILD TO AMPLIFY...YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WITH POWERS LIKE YOURS. YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR LIMITS.

OH, AND BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER--IF YOU TRY TO BRING THIS SHIP DOWN, IF I SENSE EVEN THE SLIGHTEST TREMOR, I WILL SNAP YOUR NECK LIKE A TWIG.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? MY DAUGHTER BACK. IT'S WHAT I'VE WANTED THIS WHOLE TIME.

OH. WELL...IN THAT CASE...

...#$!& YOU.

THAT RAGE THAT MAKES YOU TREMBLE, WHERE DO YOU THINK THAT COMES FROM?

YOU CAN TELL YOURSELF THAT YOU'RE NOTHING LIKE ME, BUT WE BOTH KNOW THAT'S NOT THE CASE.

DAISY, THE WORLD IS CHANGING. S.H.I.E.L.D. IS GONE. FURY IS GONE. CAPTAIN AMERICA IS THE BIG BAD. I KNOW YOU MUST FEEL LOST--

WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER, THERE'S GONNA BE NO SHORTAGE OF BAD PEOPLE THAT NEED DEALING WITH. AGENT COULSON AND I--

COULSON IS *DEAD*, MY DEAR.

...

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.

FACTS AREN'T FOR YOU TO BELIEVE OR DISBELIEVE.

I'M SORRY. I KNOW HE MEANT A LOT TO YOU.

YOU KNOW THIS WON'T LAST, RIGHT? CAPTAIN AMERICA'S NEW WORLD ORDER *WILL* CRUMBLE.

PERHAPS. BUT EVEN IF THINGS CHANGE AGAIN, THERE STILL WON'T BE A PLACE FOR YOU IN THIS WORLD.

COME WORK WITH ME.

YOU'RE EVEN CRAZIER THAN I THOUGHT.

WE HAVE A CHANCE TO CHANGE THE WORLD. I CAN GET YOU CLOSE TO CAPTAIN AMERICA. YOU CAN END ALL THIS. *WE CAN.*

AND THEN WE CAN START SOMETHING TOGETHER. HUNTING DOWN BAD MEN FOR THE HIGHEST BIDDER. FIXING THIS.

YOU WANT US TO BE *MERCENARIES?*

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN THIS WHOLE TIME? WHO DO THINK NICK FURY SERVED? AND S.H.I.E.L.D.?

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN PROTECTING THE HIGHEST BIDDER, YOU'VE JUST HAD GOOD P.R. AND NOW THERE'S A VACUUM.

IF WE STOP CAPTAIN AMERICA, WE HAVE THAT GOOD WILL. AND *WE* FILL THAT VACUUM.

AND WE START WITH THE MAN WHO KILLED *PHIL COULSON.*

...I'M LISTENING.

WHO WAS IT?

WHAT THE HELL?

THUMP

AH. IT'S YOUR *FRIENDS.*

INFERNO, *NOW!*

I'M NOT GOING TO SHOOT DOWN A PLANE WITH DAISY ON IT!

NO! AIM EXACTLY WHERE I TELL YOU! IF YOU FIRE ABOVE IT, THE HEAT WILL CREATE A THERMAL DRAFT TO GENTLY FORCE THEM DOWN.

WHOOSH

WE'RE GOING DOWN!

HELP ME, DAISY. HELP ME, AND TOGETHER WE WILL BUILD SOMETHING THAT *NO ONE* CAN EVER TAKE FROM YOU.

CRASH

OH, HELLO, *INHUMANS.*

WHERE'S QUAKE?

YOU MEAN *MY DAUGHTER?*

WHY, SHE'S RIGHT HERE. *WITH ME.*

DAISY?!

I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH DAISY ON A PLAN TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO CAPTAIN AMERICA TO STOP ALL THIS. YOU'VE ALL BEEN SO INSTRUMENTAL. THANK YOU.

WHAT? YOU'RE WORKING WITH HIM, QUAKE?!

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

I WAS JUST STALLING UNTIL *MY TEAM* GOT HERE.

I SHOULD HAVE KILLED YOU YEARS AGO!

OOF!

AAAHH!

HYDE, PUT HER DOWN. THIS IS OVER.

YOU'RE TELLING *ME* HOW TO DEAL WITH *MY CHILD?*

I HAVE NO PROBLEM HURTING YOU.

I'D LOVE TO--

YOU... YOU PARALYZED ME?!

NOT PERMANENTLY. IT WON'T LAST MORE THAN A WEEK.

WHO WAS IT? WHO KILLED COULSON?

HA! I DON'T...KNOW. NEVER CARED... ENOUGH TO ASK.

KARNAK, WHAT--

YOU FOLLOW... *KARNAK?* HE'S NO DIFFERENT FROM... ME.

ENOUGH.

YOUR OWN SON, KARNAK? I RESCUED...LEER AFTER YOU SOLD HIM...TO THOSE MONSTERS. AND FOR WHAT?

THAT'S... THAT'S NOT TRUE, IS IT?

HE NEEDED TO BECOME SOMETHING GREATER. WE NO LONGER HAVE THE TERRIGEN MISTS.

THEY TORTURED HIM!

I CHOSE HIM TO HELP THE WORLD. AND HE DID.

SOMETHING GREAT IS BEGINNING.

WE ALL DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, DON'T WE, QUAKE?

NO. NOT LIKE THIS.

I'M DONE. I'M DONE WITH ALL OF THIS.

C'MON, LEER. I WANT YOU TO MEET SOME PEOPLE YOU CAN STAY WITH FOR A WHILE.

YOU UNDERSTAND SACRIFICE, DAISY. I KNOW YOU DO.

$&!# YOU, KARNAK.

PEOPLE ARE SUPPOSED TO LOOK OUT FOR THEIR FAMILY.

THE BEST LAID... PLANS OF MICE AND...MEN... RIGHT, KARNAK?

WE'LL SEE...

THE TOWER OF WISDOM. BEFORE THE TAKEOVER.

WHY DO I HAVE TO GO?

SOMETHING BAD IS COMING. YOU WILL HELP US DEFEAT IT.

I CAN HELP QUEEN MEDUSA?

NO. THE MONARCHY IS OVER. YOU WILL HELP WITH WHAT COMES NEXT.

BUT--

IS THIS HIM?

YOU'RE EARLY.

I WAS EXCITED. FORGIVE ME.

YOUR OWN SON, KARNAK. I UNDERESTIMATED YOU.

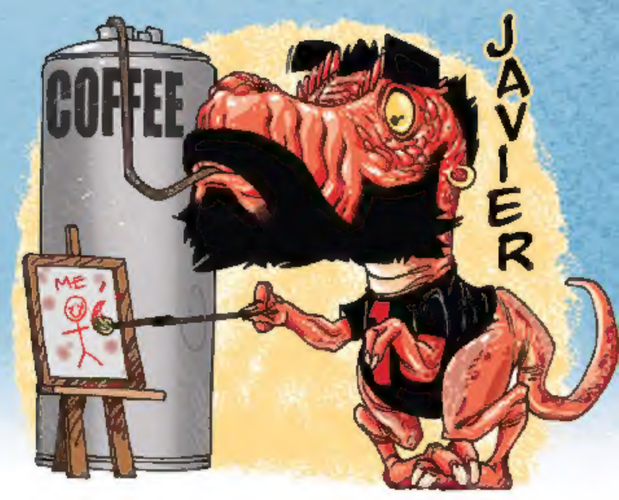
IF YOU CAN GET FROM HIM WHAT I NEED, THEN--

OH, I CAN.

MISTER SINISTER IS NOTHING IF NOT A MAN OF HIS WORD.

TO BE CONTINUED...

THE CLASSIFIEDS



We want to hear from you! Send your emails to **mheroes@marvel.com** and please mark them **"OKAY TO PRINT."**

Thank you for continuing the SECRET EMPIRE story with one of my favorite girls, Quake! Seeing her along with Ms. Marvel, Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur is a great combination of characters. Also the artwork is so alive—it really pulls you in! I love watching them fight for what they know is right! I can't wait for the next issue. They can throw everything they have at Daisy, nevertheless she will persist!

Big fan!
April

MATT: Yes! Quake fans unite! Have I mentioned that Quake is the best? She is. I know I am supposed to treat all the characters like they are my children and not play favorites, but I'm a bad parent. But Quake is used to bad parents, as we just saw. Nevertheless, she won't just persist, she will prevail! Anyway, thanks for your letter and for checking out the book.

JAVIER: Hi, April! We're all wearing "Quake rules" T-shirts right now (Devil Dinosaur looks extremely cute with it, believe me), so it's pretty safe to say we're on the same page here! This is just the place for you, we have really cool things in store for Quake! Thanks for supporting the book and for writing!

Issue #2 of SECRET WARRIORS was quite the fun and engaging little read, what with the most absurd road trip vacation adventure one could ever dare to imagine! I certainly know that I'm now looking forward to seeing where the series goes from there, as this latest forced meet-up/clash between a newly freed and recently "empowered with their very own sovereign, independent mutant nation" of X-Men—whilst the Inhumans have instead been rounded up into prison camps by Hydra and are now isolated and alone, being one and all on the run—should be most...well... interesting, to say the very least of all!

Will that old cliché of "my enemy's enemies are my new best buds ever!" be enough to overcome all the past (and in only the quite recent past, to boot!) drama and conflict between the two competing clans of gene-based super-powered humans in ye olde Marvel U, now that Merry Marvel's Mutantdom population isn't facing their utter extinction (at the cost of merely spelling the end for any new Inhumans... ever!) with that pesky, not-so-little matter of a massive Terrigenesis cloud no longer looming large and in charge over their heads...? Or will bygones still not manage to be entirely bygones, as the X-Men perhaps fear a new invasion as a group of Inhumans arrive on the scene to burst through their territorial doorway in seeking an escape from the newly declared Reality of Tru... err... (sorry, I was thinking of the wrong utterly insane and crazed bizarro-universe for a split second there!) Hydra-land, led by a traitorous Captain America?

Well, I suppose there's only one thing for sure when it comes to this little quagmire: I eagerly await issue #3 to find out the answer to all those questions, and, hopefully, so very much more!

As far as naming the letters page for this series goes...? Hmm... Something secretive... but also something that involves a bunch of messages sent in writing form...? How's about "The Classifieds"? Yes. I think that one has got my vote, if absolutely nothing else!

Keep up the fantastic work, and continue to Make Mine Marvel until Inhumans and mutants the world over come together in a 1960s throwback hippy commune out West, with Dazzler headlining the signature outdoor summer concert series with a wild and muddy three-day "War and Hate Become Peace and Love" festival.

Richard Adams
Falls Church, VA

MATT: Hey, Richard, thanks for reading! And glad you liked our little road trip to X-Men town. That didn't end great, but most road trips don't. I like your idea of "The Classifieds," but I think at this point we must have named it by now, right? I don't know. Look up to the top of this page and if it has a name you were too late. Unless the name is "The Classifieds," in which case, good job!

And for the record: Marvel, I would totally write that 1960s Inhumans and mutants living in a commune book.

Editor's P.S. That's a "good job" to you, Richard of VA!

JAVIER: Hi Richard! So happy you enjoyed our little family trip! We didn't bring sandwiches for everybody, but we got to kick some Hydra agents on the way, I think that compensates!

You lay out some interesting questions about mutants and Inhumans in the great scheme of things. Tension between heroes will always exist, as well as heroes getting along, just like life itself. Everybody in the creative team are friends here, but my never-ending hatred

for my evil twin from a parallel universe is what motivates me to draw! See? Like life itself. Obviously we can't reveal all Marvel classified information (Nick Fury is very strict with these things), but I think neither group has been in this kind of circumstance before, which is the perfect narrative ground to grow some amazing stories you'll be discovering each month. (Surprise! An horticultural analogy! My English teacher was also my biology teacher).

For SECRET WARRIORS, we have tons of guest appearances, an insane amount of action and countless memorable moments with each team member (Nick Fury approves this statement).

And what a remarkable pitch for Marvel there! X-Woodstock! Woodsto-X! Wood-X-stock! Ahem, looks that is enough of me embarrassing myself. But keep the wine close. Next letter!

Dear Marvel,

I wasn't planning on liking this title too much. I didn't particularly gravitate to any of the previewed characters. But I'm always curious about new titles and gave it a chance. Due to the quality of work of Matthew Rosenberg and Javier Garrón, I am already a dedicated fan. The story was clear and intriguing and pulled me in, and the art cemented the deal for me. The first letters page gave me everything else I needed to know. Rosenberg loves and respects the Marvel Universe and uses continuity to his advantage. Throwing in the Wrecking Crew and the Howling Commandos was the kind of stuff I love in a title—using the characters that are just waiting for another chance at a storyline. The John Updike and Lewis Carroll quotes were a nice touch.

Letters page suggestions... Not-So-Secret Letters Page, The "Hey, Keep it a Secret" Letters Page, The "I Don't Know Why These Characters Are A Great Combo But They Are" Letters Page.

Dan Tandarich
Brooklyn, NY

MATT: Hi, Dan. I wasn't planning on liking this letter too much, but now I think it's pretty good. Seriously though, thanks so much. People giving books they aren't sure about a shot is the hope that all new comic creators cling to, and it's what keeps this industry growing and expanding. A lot of my favorite books fly a bit under the radar and get to come out each month because a lot of people who aren't sure about them throw down some money anyway and end up enjoying it.

And yeah, I love so many of the Marvel characters that it's always fun to see who you can grab and throw into the mix. I'd love to see that Howling Commandos team get another book. They're great.

More excellent suggestions for the maybe, probably, possibly titled letters page? At this point I don't ever want us to pick a name. Every month I will read letters with great suggestions that shout "pick us!"...and I will look down and whisper "No."

JAVIER: Hi, Dan! Thanks for giving us a chance! We're aware there are tons of awesome books out there, and we're really, really thankful to each and every single fan who comes every month looking for some Marvel magic. We work very hard to be up to the task!

I also love all the guest appearances we have in the series! This book is deeply rooted in the Marvel Universe! (Another horticultural analogy! I'm on a roll!)

And you know the best part? This is just the beginning!

That's all the space we have, folks! This issue spells the end of our SECRET EMPIRE tie-in story, but for more on Sam Wilson and his underground army, the liberation of New Attilan, and the future of Captain America's new world order, check out CAPTAIN AMERICA #25 and SECRET EMPIRE #8, on sale now! And get ready for next month, when guest artist Juanan Ramirez joins us for two issues as Quake hunts down Phil Coulson's killer: Deadpool! You read that right. Stick around for the gory details, Warriors, and we'll see you next time!

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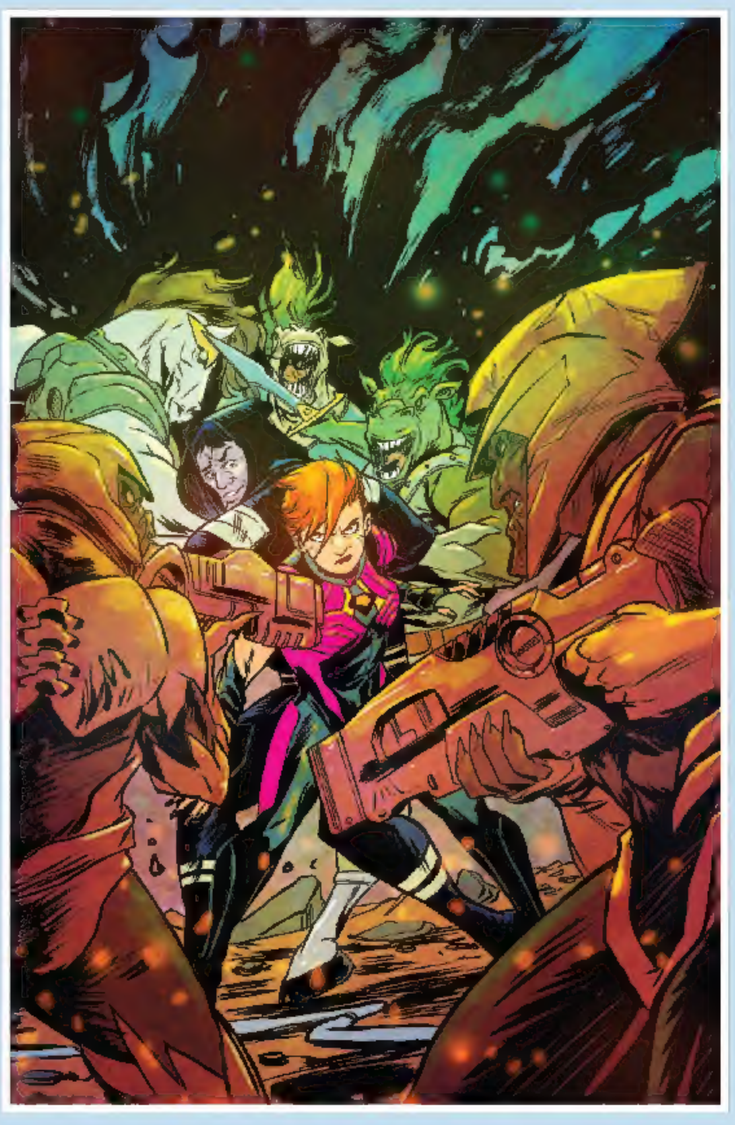

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